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TAGS: CGEN, CVIS, SG

SUBJ: SENEGALESE VISA POLICY

1. LATEST EPISODE IN SENEGALESE VISA POLICY SAGA

OCCURRED DURING JUNE VISIT OF THREE GAO OFFICERS.

THESE APPARENTLY ARRIVED IN DAKAR WITH A SINGLE

ENTRY VISA AND WERE UNABLE TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL VISA

INSIDE SENEGAL. CONSULAR SECTION MANAGED TO OBTAIN TRANSIT VISA AFTER

FOUR-DAY EFFORT, 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO TEAM'S DEPARTURE.

GAO TEAM FOUND EXPERIENCE VERY TRYING AND EVEN WENT

TO LENGTH SUGGESTING THAT WE ISSUE THEM TOURIST

PASSPORTS IN WHICH TOURIST VISAS COULD BE PLACED.

2. SENEGALESE VISA POLICY ALSO CONTINUES TO AFFECT

OUR DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS ADVERSELY. OUR GSO IN

CHARGE OF TRANSPORTATION STILL DOES NOT HAVE A MUL-

TIPLE ENTRY VISA AND IS REQUIRED FOR THE SECOND

TIME IN TWO WEEKS TO TRAVEL TO DAKAR. VISA REQUESTS

FOR OTHER MISSION OFFICERS AND DEPENDENTS ARE STILL

LANGUISHING AT THE SENEGALESE EMBASSY, REGARDLESS OF

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WHETHER THE REQUEST WAS FOR THREE MONTHS OR THREE DAYS.

### 3. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. UNTIL SUCH TIME AS ACTION TO CORRECT OUR DIFFICULTIES WITH GOS IS TAKEN, PLEASE ASSURE THAT ALL TRAVELERS FROM WASHINGTON, INTENDING TO VISIT SENEGAL AND MAURITANIA, HAVE SENEGALESE VISAS ADEQUATE

TO MEET THEIR NEEDS THROUGHOUT THEIR VISIT.

B. WE WOULD APPRECIATE A STATUS REPORT ON ANY
ACTION BEING TAKEN TO IMPROVE OVERALL SITUATION. DUNBAR

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